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REMARKS

Counsel for applicant, and applicant, wish to thank the examiner for the courtesy of the telephone conference on July 6, 2005.

The applicant respectfully requests entry of the present amendment for the following reasons. First, the amendments to the claims are necessary to further clarify the claimed invention to the Examiner with respect to claiming the full scope of patent protection which the applicant believes is appropriate. These amendments address the Examiner's issues with respect to the claimed invention, and were unable to be introduced earlier because the Examiner's rejections were not fully understood until further explained subsequent to the Final Office Action.

Second, the amendments to the claims do not raise new issues requiring further search since the amendments either involve incorporating features already existing in other pending claims and/or include a narrowed and/or broadened scope of protection that should not be burdensome for the Examiner to review.

Third, the applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been introduced. In addition, the amendments made to the claims are minor changes performed in response to the Examiner's comments.

Fourth, the amendments to the claims place the application in better form for appeal by materially simplifying the issues, i.e., clarifying the asserted patentable distinctions over the prior art. Finally, no new claims are submitted.

Accordingly, the applicants respectfully request entry of the present Amendment. The examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to address any issue which may remain.

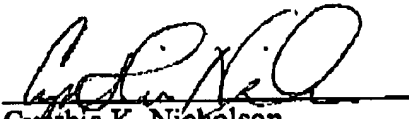
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